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Vietnam Demands Chinese Accept 4,000 Refugees

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 31 (AP) — Vietnam demanded today that China accept more than 4,000 ethnic Chinese camped on the border in two northern Vietnamese provinces.

China closed the border two weeks ago

after some 150,000 ethnic Chinese had fled from Vietnam because of the confiscation of their businesses and property and anti-Chinese discrimination.

The Chinese Government announced July 12 that only Chinese with papers issued by the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi and Vietnamese exit visas would be allowed to cross the border. The Hanoi radio said that the 4,000 were living in temporary huts and were short of food and water. It said that 400 were ill and that one person had died.

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 31 (Reut-

ers) — Fighting between Cambodia and Vietnam in the last two weeks has been the heaviest in their border war for some months, Western diplomatic sources said here today. They said that the fighting was most intense in the area north of the Parrot's Beak, Cambodian territory that thrusts into southern Vietnam.